

CLAIMS

1. A sealing or guiding strip (16) made of flexible material and for mounting adjacent to a more rigid panel of varying size, the strip (16) having an edge formation arranged to juxtapose with an edge of the panel along a portion of the length of the strip (16) corresponding to a first region of the panel where the panel has a predetermined relatively small extent, the flexible material defining a hollow cavity (90) extending at least along another portion of the length of the strip (16) corresponding to a second region of the panel where the panel has a relatively larger extent, whereby the edge formation can be removed along a cut line (92) extending into the hollow cavity (90) and can be replaced by a separate edge formation part (20) of extended size and which is secured to the strip (16) for juxtaposing with the panel in the second region.
2. A strip (16) according to claim 1, in which the cavity (90) is a hollow chamber formed within the flexible material.
3. A strip (16) according to claim 2, which is produced by an extrusion process which also produces the hollow chamber.
4. A strip (16) according to claim 1, which is produced using an extrusion process and in which the hollow cavity (90) is produced by pressing together two parts of the material immediately after the extrusion process so that they become secured together

during the subsequent processing but leaving between them the hollow cavity (90).

5. A strip (16) according to any preceding claim, in which in the second region the panel progressively changes in size and the separate edge formation correspondingly changes in size.

6. A strip (16) according to any preceding claim, which is shaped to define a channel for receiving a pane of window glass (12) for a window opening, and in which the panel is part of a rigid frame (21) for the window opening.

7. A strip (16) according to any preceding claim, in which the separate edge formation is secured to the strip (16) along the said cut line (92).

8. A strip (16) according to any preceding claim, in which the separate edge formation is produced by a moulding operation.

9. A strip (16) according to claim 8, in which the moulding operation secures the separate edge formation to the strip (16).

10. A strip (16) according to any preceding claim, in which the hollow cavity (90) extends along the whole length of the strip (16).

11. A strip (16) according to any preceding claim, which is secured to a second strip (18).
12. A strip (16) according to claim 11, which is secured to the second strip (18) by a moulding operation.
13. A strip (16) according to claim 12, in which the moulding operation which secures it to the second strip (18) also secures the separate edge formation (20).
14. A strip (16) according to any one of claims 1 to 4, which defines a channel for receiving a pane of window glass (12) for a predetermined window opening, the said panel forming part of a frame (21) for the window opening and the second region being a region adjacent a change in direction of the window frame (21).
15. A strip (16) according to claim 14, in combination with a second strip (18) which also defines a channel for receiving the pane of window glass (12), the two strips (18) being secured together at the change in direction of the window frame (21).
16. A strip (16) according to claim 15, in which the separate edge formation (20) is also secured to the second strip (18).
17. A strip (16) according to any one of the preceding claims, in which the edge

formation (20) comprises TPE.

18. A window frame arrangement for a window opening, comprising a stiff window frame (21) having a smoothly radiussed region extending across a change in direction of the window opening, and two sealing and guiding strips (16,18) made of flexible material each defining a channel for receiving a pane of window glass (12) for the opening and which are secured together at the change in direction, each strip (16,18) having an integral edge formation extending integrally therealong and arranged to engage with an edge of the window frame (21) along a portion of the length of the strip (16,18) outside the smoothly radiussed region (19), the flexible material of each strip (16,18) defining a hollow cavity (90) extending therealong adjacent to the edge formation, the edge formation having been removed along a cut line (92,94) which extends into the hollow cavity (90) and which also extends along a portion of the length of the strip (16,18) corresponding to the smoothly radiussed region (19) and having been replaced by a separate edge formation part (20) secured to both strip (16,18)s for engaging an edge of the window frame (21) in the said region.

19. An arrangement according to claim 18, in which the cavity (90) is a hollow chamber formed within the flexible material.

20. An arrangement according to claim 19, which is produced by an extrusion process which also produces the hollow chamber.

21. An arrangement according to claim 18, which is produced using an extrusion process and in which the hollow cavity (90) is produced by pressing together two parts of the material immediately after the extrusion process so that they become secured together during the subsequent processing.
22. An arrangement according to any one of claims 18 to 21, in which the separate edge formation is secured to the strips (16,18) along at least part of the said cut lines (92,94) of each of them.
23. An arrangement according to any one of claims 18 to 22, in which the strips (16,18) are secured together by a moulding operation which also secures the separate edge formation (20) to the strips (16,18).
24. An arrangement according to claim 23, in which the separate edge formation (20) is produced by the moulding operation.
25. An arrangement according to any one of claims 18 to 24, in which the integral edge formation and the separate edge formation (20) are each shaped to form a cosmetic lip (34,76).
26. An arrangement according to any one of claims 18 to 25, in which the change in

direction of the window opening is a sharp corner of the window frame (21).

27. An arrangement according to any one of claims 18 to 25, in which the separate edge formation (20) comprises TPE.